

Flathead County Road and Bridge Advisory Committee  
Advisory Committee Meeting  
October 23, 2008 – **7:00 pm**  
Solid Waste District Board Room – County Landfill

1. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Charles Lapp – Chairman, Karl Schrade, David Hilde, Mike Schlegel – Vice Chairman

Committee Members Absent: Dan Siderius

Staff Present: Public Works Director Dave Prunty, Operations Manager Guy Foy, Administrative Assistant Mike Pence, Recording Secretaries Patti Vernarsky & Karen Rogers

Public Attendees: Mark Gluth, Gabe Gluth, Glen Hook, Jean Hook, Tom Gorton

2. Introductory Remarks

No introductory remarks at this time.

3. Approval of the Board Minutes

**Mike Schlegel moves to approve the minutes from the September 25, 2008 meeting, Karl Schrade seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed, minutes approved.**

4. Action Agenda – No Items Requiring Action

5. Directors Report

a. County Commissioners Response to Recommendations

Mike stated he, Dave, Guy and Patti met with the commissioners regarding the bullets, and hopefully we will have a response back by the next meeting.

b. McMannamy Draw Rebuild Project

Dave Prunty briefly outlined the designs the engineering drew up for McMannamy Draw. The designs showed a 22 foot from centerline clear zone, with areas of concerns, such as slopes, trees, fences, bushes, etc. needing to be removed. He explained this was done to AASHTO standards for design speeds, slopes and curvature. He continued with there is a meeting planned with the community for their input and to help clean up the right-of-way issues.

c. Gallatin County Dust Cost Share Program

Dave Prunty explained the Gallatin County's Dust Cost Share Program, and how their process worked. He stated the county received their bid documents and are working on changing them to make them work for Flathead County. Brief discussion was held about the pros and cons of this program. Dave Prunty stated the county will see what the pitfalls are after the first year, and see what changes need to be made.

d. Holt Stage Project

Dave Prunty explained the cost break down the committee has on the Holt Stage millings project. He continued to state that the county still needs to do some ditch and shoulder work, but otherwise it is pretty much done.

e. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Dave Prunty explained he has a Solid Waste training in Helena on November 12 & 13<sup>th</sup>, and would like to move the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting to November 20<sup>th</sup> and just have one meeting for November. Also December's meeting there will only be one on the 11<sup>th</sup> due to Christmas.

6. Comments from Committee Members

Charles Lapp distributed some information him and Mike Schlegel had been working on with Verdell Jackson about going to the legislature to find more funding for the road department.

Mike Pence discussed the information on the Secure Rural Schools funding, and the continuation of it for the next 4 years.

7. Comments from Public (15 minutes maximum)

Glen Hook, Prairie View - He commented about the grading on Prairie View and why Dave Prunty stated the county had been out watering with the graders, yet when the grader was on Prairie View there was no water used. He complained about the operator cutting into the hill and putting silt all over the road. He stated that when the cost share program was discussed earlier in the year, he had spoken to Dave Prunty about the costs, and Dave told him that the grading and prep of the road would not be included in the costs. The only portion the land owner would have to pay would be the material and the application, and now everything has changed, he wanted to know why.

Mark Gluth, McMannamy Draw – He felt this cost sharing program for dust abatement should be on traffic counts. He feels the higher traffic count roads would not hold up, such as his. He explained that this summer when the mag

chloride was placed it only lasted two weeks due to the high traffic. He continued with the lesser travelled roads would do very well with the mag chloride.

Tom Gorton, Creston Road – He thanked the committee for the things they are trying to accomplish with the legislature. He felt that as soon as the new bridge is opened off of Holt that all the people on Foothills & Bachelor Grade roads are going to filter through Mennonite, causing more traffic and dust. He feels something needs to be done with Mennonite to keep this from happening.

Jean Hook, Prairie View – She commented on the mag chloride that was placed on Prairie View this last summer. In the area where only one application was placed, the mag chloride did not hold up, but where two applications were done, the road is still in very good shape. She feels with the cost share program, that one application is not going to work.

8. Adjournment

**Mike Schlegel made the motion to adjourn, Karl Schrade seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.**